

MENDELL HAS BEGUN WORK

Government Tug Now Engaged in Taking Soundings on Columbia River Bar.

GREATER DEPTH TO BE SHOWN

Pilots Are Satisfied Survey Will Bear Them Out in Statement That Channel Is Deepened.

The government tug George H. Mendell has commenced the work of taking soundings on the Columbia river bar, in accordance with instructions recently issued by Major Langfitt, U. S. E. The work will require several days' time, as it is the intention to determine the depth at all points on the bar.

The resurvey was ordered by Major Langfitt because of the claim made that the bar dredge Chinook has, in the short time she has been able to work at the mouth of the river, provided increased depth in the south channel of fully two feet. There is two feet more water there than formerly, and by officers of the dredge and bar pilots the increase is attributed to the dredging operations of the big government vessel.

In all, the Chinook has spent about five working days on the bar, because of unfavorable weather conditions. If she has accomplished the results attributed to her, the engineer department wants to know about it immediately, so that other vessels of her class can be provided for. For this reason the survey has been ordered, and the result of the soundings will be awaited with much interest.

There is not the slightest question that the bar has deepened two feet or more, for the pilots, who visit the mouth of the river every day, keep close tabs on conditions there, especially with reference to the depth. They are a unit in agreeing that the Chinook has deepened the bar, and are satisfied the soundings of the Mendell will bear out their statement.

A few days ago the statement was made that the Chinook was to be ordered south to the Mare island navy yard for the purpose of receiving alterations to her dredging apparatus. The report came from San Francisco and was promptly denied by Major Langfitt. It was stated at the time that the Chinook's boilers would be repaired if she went south, but this statement was likewise pronounced erroneous by Major Langfitt. However, it has been said by members of the crew of the dredge that her boilers are in need of repair, and some of the recent agitators, who complained because of their differences with Captain Dunbar, have said the dredge would be unable to do good work unless repairs were made. Major Langfitt says there is but one boiler on the vessel which is not fit for service, and that the dredge can be operated successfully with the remaining seven.

GOES TO WILLAPA BAY.

Captain Richardson will leave out this morning with the U. S. S. Columbine for Willapa bay, where the tender is to do some work on the bar. Captain Richardson went down to the mouth of the river yesterday, but returned to his dock because of the thick fog which hung over the ocean and the heavy swell that was on at the time. The Columbine is to replace several buoys at Willapa bay, and calm weather is essential for work of this sort. If Captain Richardson is lucky he will finish at Willapa in one day, but if the weather does not turn off fine he will be away over night. The buoys are aboard the tender.

THREE GRAIN CARGOES.

Only three grain cargoes have been cleared from this port since the first of the year. The vessels clearing were the big bark Andorhina, the Chrystel and the East African. The Chrystel got away shortly after New Year's day, but the other vessels are still in the harbor. The grain cargoes sent away are as follows:

	Bushels.	Value.
Wheat—		
Andorhina	182,461	\$142,318
East African	105,989	77,977
Chrystel	14,933	11,200
Totals	303,383	\$231,495
Barley—	Sacks.	Value.
Chrystel	43,250	\$ 53,988

TWO LUMBER CARGOES.

Two lumber cargoes were cleared yesterday at the local customs house, they day's shipments exceeding 1,000,000 feet. One of the vessels to clear

was the bark Haydn Brown, the manifest of which was misplaced and not filed until yesterday. She took on her cargo at Westport and goes to San Pedro. The other vessel to clear was the four-masted schooner Henry Wilson, bound for San Francisco. The shipments were as follows:

Haydn Brown	\$67,000
Henry Wilson	\$50,000
Total	1,107,000

RULING ON COAST DUTY.

New York, Jan. 26.—Under the latest ruling of the board of the United States general appraisers, coal which arrived at ports in this country previous to January 15, 1904, even though it was not unloaded until a subsequent date, is not entitled to free entry under the act for rebate of duties on coal signed on that date. This decision has been handed down in an opinion written by Judge Somerville overruling a protest of Bunker & Co., of San Francisco, who received a vessel containing coal at San Francisco December 27, 1903.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamers Fulton and Aberdeen are due today from San Francisco.

The steamer Sue H. Elmore arrived yesterday morning from Tillamook and Nehalem, with a full freight list and a number of passengers.

The gasoline schooner Della is reported to be ashore at the point where the Gerald C. was stranded. It is expected the Della will be floated.

A very heavy fog settled over the river yesterday and there was absolutely nothing doing along the water front, except that the schooner Henry Wilson arrived down. She is anchored off the O. R. & N. wharf.

The steamer Charles Nelson, which was recently wrecked while on her way from Astoria to San Francisco, is due here tomorrow. She is still in charge of Captain Gunderson. The Nelson will load lumber at Westport.

HOMICIDE IS THE CHARGE

Not Specified but so Implied by Verdict Rendered at Coroners Inquest.

DEFENDANTS MAY BE JAILED

None of the Accused Will Talk for Publication—Present Grand Jury May Hear Charges.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—Although the coroner's jury which has just rendered a verdict in connection with the Iroquois theater disaster did not make any specific charge against the persons held, the implied charge is homicide, as each was held to be responsible in a measure for the death of the Iroquois victims and the coroner had no authority to fix a bond. If arrested, the defendants must remain in jail until released on bonds fixed by some court.

There is a possibility that the present grand jury will hear the charges. Two days' time is estimated to be all that will be required to present the matter to the grand jury, and the present grand jury has five days of its session left and it may find time to dispose of the matter. Owing to the great amount of clerical work involved the mittiml were not completed until today.

Mayor Harrison and Fire Chief Musham refused to be seen when called on after the verdict of the jury had been handed in. The mayor sent word that his son was sick and he himself had a sore throat and that he would say nothing until he arrived at his office. Chief Musham had left word, it was said, at his home, that he was not to be disturbed.

"I will say nothing," replied Building Commissioner Williams to questions put to him.

"You will defend yourself in the courts, if the matter is carried to trial," he was asked.

"Yes, of course, as any man would. But I can not talk."

Harry J. Powers was surprised that the jury had completed its findings so soon.

Will J. Davis declined to come to the door of his residence to discuss the verdict.

KASIER WANTS AUTO BOAT.

Bristol, R. I., Jan. 26.—An automobile boat for the German emperor, designed by Charles F. Herreshoff, will be built by a company here. Several boats now under construction have been examined by the designer.

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